

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4th Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2019

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Almighty God, to whom all honor belongs,
you have gathered a people
from every tribe and language
to praise your name eternally.
Join our song with all of heaven
as we worship you this day
in the glorious light of Christ. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is our shepherd, our guide and protector.

The Lord is our parent, our companion and friend.

The Lord is almighty, with wisdom and power.

The Lord is present, with comfort and care.

Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving,

honor and might be to our God! Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven Hymnal, No. 620

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

You are a God of new life, yet we are bound to the old way of doing things.

You are a God of infinite good news, yet we live in fear and dread.

You are a God of resurrection, yet we spend our days proclaiming death.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Forgive us and lead us to wholeness.

You are a God of abundance, yet we fear there is not enough grace.

You are a God of empowerment, yet we doubt whether we can do your work.

You are a God of forgiveness, yet we cannot forgive others or ourselves.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Forgive us and lead us to wholeness.

(Time of silent reflection)

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Glory Be to the Father

Hymnal, No. 581

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Charlotte Lovett

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:36-43

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 23 (The Message)

God, my shepherd!

I don't need a thing.

You have bedded me down in lush meadows,

you find me quiet pools to drink from.

True to your word,

you let me catch my breath

and send me in the right direction.

Even when the way goes through

Death Valley,

I'm not afraid

when you walk at my side.

Your trusty shepherd's crook

makes me feel secure.

You serve me a six-course dinner

right in front of my enemies.

You revive my drooping head;

my cup brims with blessing.

Your beauty and love chase after me

every day of my life.

I'm back home in the house of God

for the rest of my life.

ANTHEM

Merciful God

Avery Rich, Flute

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:22-30

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

To Be Known

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Hymnal, No. 187

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**New life in Christ takes shape in a community
in which people know
that God loves and accepts them
in spite of what they are.
They therefore accept themselves
and love others,
knowing that no one has any ground
on which to stand,
except God's grace.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.22

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:...God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Hymnal, No. 547

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Here my Spirit's Power Filled You

*POSTLUDE

*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for May 19: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelations 7:9-17; John 10:22-30.

The **Food & Shelter** item of the month for May is **canned fruits & vegetables**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

Ushers for today's service are Ann and Gilbert Doh.

Guest pianist for May is Lindsey Bertram. Welcome, Lindsey!

Congratulations to Gysheilla Tita-Jangha and Kierstyn Upton who will graduate from Norman North High School in May. A celebration will be held following worship on May 19.

The last day of Kid's Club will be May 15th.

SUNDAY	May 13
9:30 A.M. – Sunday School	
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments	
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service	
MONDAY	May 13
6:00 P.M. – Mission & Evangelism Meeting	
WEDNESDAY	May 15
3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club	
6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir	
SUNDAY	May 19
9:30 A.M. – Sunday School	
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments	
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service	
12:00 P.M. – Graduate Celebration	
12:00 P.M. – MY Group	
12:00 P.M. – Deacon Meeting	
5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting	

KNOWN JOYS & CONCERNS

Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll
Sandy Clarke
Jim Eckel
Laura Eckel
Doug Forsyth
Alice Lanning
Jayelle Martin
Jona Thiessen
Karen Upton
Harry Wright
Darrell Hinson (Karen Upton's father)
Paul Gallagher (Karen Upton's biological father)
Carole Jo Evans (Tracy Evans' mother)

Those who Experienced Recent Loss

Betty Silman whose husband Bill Silman died on March 17.
Harry Wright whose daughter Tracy Garland died on March 30

Seminary Student

Samuel McCann, Pittsburgh Theo. Seminary

We lift up in prayer the country of Cameroon and pray for the unrest our brothers and sisters are experiencing there.

Birthdays

May 13 – Paige Girdner

Kay Anderson

May 16 – John Silman

May 17 – Herve Sivuilu

Anniversaries

May 14 – Paul & Karen Upton

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week: **Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal**

We are **thankful** for:

- the peoples of these nations – the diversity of their cultures, languages, and art, and their resilience
- the breath-taking beauty of these lands – the mountains in all their grandeur, overflowing rivers and green paddy fields
- all those who work for the churches and their institutions, especially in places where natural disasters strike

We **pray** for:

- efforts of governments and others to build up these nations' economies
- those who have lost families and homes in earthquakes and other disasters as they struggle to rebuild their lives, homes and infrastructure
- those who contribute to religious harmony and advocate for the minority voice of Christians, especially amid religious and ethnic tensions
- religious and government leaders that they will make it possible for all peoples to live in justice with peace and harmony.

these small nations which depend on other countries and are often threatened by interests of their bigger neighbours.